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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
U.S. Patent No.	Date	Inventor/Owner
5,584,949	12-17-1996	Ingram
6,484,774	11-26-2002	Naedler
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS		
EP0531069A2	03-10-1993	Eaton Corp.
WO03/089259A1	10-30-2003	Dana Corp.
OTHER PRIOR ART		

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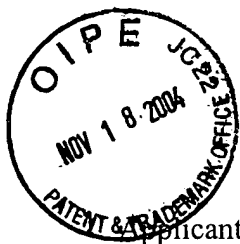
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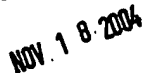
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